

Night 1 paragraph Literary Essay

Your paragraph MUST BE 11 sentences long. (You may have MORE, but not less.)

Your paragraph must have:

- A thesis statement
- 3 concrete details
- 6 commentary
- A concluding sentence

You must complete a shaping sheet before writing your essay. You will turn this in with your essay. You may brainstorm on the back, but this is not mandatory.

You must pick from one of the following prompts to write about.

1. Elie has lost his faith, but unlike other Jewish prisoners, this has not caused him to give up and die. How is Elie's loss of faith different and how has it helped him to survive?
2. Dehumanization is the process by which the Nazis reduced the Jews to little more than "things" which were a nuisance to them. Discuss how dehumanization occurred in *Night* (you can include events that occurred that dehumanized Eliezer, his father, or his fellow Jews) and how this helped Hitler achieve his ends.
3. After Eliezer's father was beaten by Idek, a Kapo, Eliezer says, "I had watched the whole scene without moving. I kept quiet. In fact I was thinking of how to get farther away so that I would not be hit myself. What is more, any anger I felt at that moment was directed, not against the Kapo, but against my father. I was angry with him, for not knowing how to avoid Idek's outbreak. That is what concentration camp life had made of me." Discuss what the last line signifies. Discuss how his attitude had changed.
4. Discuss why Eliezer lied to Stein, his relative, about Stein's family. Discuss whether or not you think he was morally right and what choices he had in the matter.